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**Ex-French Official Carries
A Reporter's Statement**

By Jacques Soustelle,

Former Vice Prime Minister of France

In an article published in the December 1961 issue under the title "The CIA Plot in Algeria," I stated that I met Richard Goodwin Smith, one of the CIA's top executives, in Washington on December 1, 1961. I discussed at length the Algerian situation.

Although I had previously, in 1958, 1959, and 1960, met CIA officials during their visits to the United States, in 1961, and December 1961, I was there for the first time on Algerian soil. I was in Paris, New York, and New York City. I did not meet Mr. Smith in any of these places. I met him in Algiers, where he was then. The Algerian situation with CIA officials was spread, for various political reasons, by a notorious Algerian left Paris weekly after the assassination of Gen. Challe in April 1961, and I was not in Paris at that time.

I was a reporter for the fact that I wrote in 1961, after the publication of Mr. Smith's article, which was sent to me by a friend only recently.

Le Monde, Paris, France.

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